

**Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group (CPWG)  
Meeting Summary – December 12, 2023**

<b>CPWG Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Excused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Marianne Zwicklbauer	X		
Eric Sheffer		X	
Mark Surdam	X		
Rob Allen			X
Pat Dailey	X		
David Lukas			X
Connor MacNeil		X	
Jack Cavanaugh		X	
Jennifer Schuttig		X	
Sean Nealon			
Chris Bettis	X		
<b>Facilitator</b>			
Nancy Pattarini, The Paige Group	X		
Carrie McMurray, The Paige Group	X		
<b>Presenters</b>			
Ian Beilby, NYSDEC	X		

**Note:** The December 12, 2023 public meeting of the CPWG was held at the Hoosick Falls High School in the cafeteria. A press release was issued to local media and a meeting date reminder was also emailed to all community members that signed up on the CPWG Listserv. Meeting-related materials may be found on the Hoosick Area CPWG website [www.hoosickareacpwg.org](http://www.hoosickareacpwg.org) and on the NYSDEC website <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/108791.html>

**Discussion Summary:**

- I. Welcome – The Paige Group
  - a. Facilitator – The Paige Group
    - i. The Facilitator provided an overview of meeting protocol for online participation
    - ii. The Facilitator provided an overview of the meeting agenda
  
- II. October Public Meeting Water Source Recap – Hoosick Area Recap CPWG Co-Chairs
  - a. Benefits of new route:
    - i. Avoids using Rt. 22 Bridge to cross Hoosic River
    - ii. Avoids disruption associated with installation of water main through Village streets
    - iii. Shorter, more direct route to Water Treatment Plant
    - iv. Utilizes public right-of-way and easements across private properties
  - b. Property owners hooking up to transmission line:
    - i. The transmission will convey untreated groundwater (raw water) directly to the village’s existing water treatment plant
    - ii. State regulations require water to be treated prior to distribution to consumer so property owners along Route 22 cannot hook up to the new transmission line

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- c. Relationship between current water source and new water source:
  - i. The new well field (new water source) is located hydraulically upgradient of the existing Village well field – natural flow of groundwater in the aquifer is from the new well field toward the existing well field
  - ii. Groundwater level monitoring shows when the existing water source is pumping, groundwater levels in monitoring wells located immediately south respond to pumping and there is no response in monitoring wells located to the west of the Hoosic River or further to the south of the current water source
  - iii. Groundwater level monitoring performed while conducting pumping tests suggests groundwater flow to the new water source may primarily be from the south indicating that the new water source will most likely not pull in water from the current water source area
- d. What measures have been taken to ensure the continuous monitoring related to PFOA?
  - i. Monitoring is standard practice for all remediation programs, but not for municipal water supplies
  - ii. However, monitoring is required by the DEC's Record of Decision for Hoosick and is intended to ensure there is no evidence of PFAS today and the surrounding area remains that way
  - iii. The plan includes groundwater monitoring in the four directions (north, south, east, and west) around the new water source
- e. What determined the location of the new wells?
  - i. The new water supply wells are located in a glacial valley aquifer, which are typically deeper in the center
  - ii. The location of the new water supply wells is based on the geology of the aquifer and located to minimize impact on property owners
  - iii. To protect the new supply wells and the required above ground infrastructure at the new well field, the riverbank was stabilized
  - iv. This included placement of heavy rock at the bottom of the slope transitioning into natural armoring above the water line
  - v. Each rock weighs several hundred pounds and can be seen at the base of the slope extending down beneath the river bottom elevation providing a foundation for the new stream bank.

**III. October Public Meeting Town POETs Recap – Recap Hoosick Area CPWG Co-Chairs**

- a. The new water supply pertains only to the Village of Hoosick
- b. Exposure to site Contaminants of Concern in other sources of raw water in, and around, the Town of Hoosick is being addressed by way of POETs and will be formally addressed in the OU-03 ROD
- c. NYSDEC/NYSDOH are obligated to operate POETs in the Hoosick area under the following:
  - i. Hoosick POET O&M Plan (6/21)
  - ii. MOU (NYSDEC/Hoosick)
  - iii. Consent Order(s) with RPs (including 2023 Amendment)

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- d. Testing will continue for those property owners that have POETS
- e. POETS will continue to be available to those who might want them
- f. If a property owner no longer wants their POET, the property owner can request it be removed

IV. 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Medical Monitoring

- a. Participants must make appointments on an annual basis to continue participation in the settlement

V. Other Hoosick Area CPWG Business

- a. Meeting Summaries posted on [www.hoosickareacpwg.org](http://www.hoosickareacpwg.org)
- b. 2024 Public Meeting Schedule will be posted in the near future